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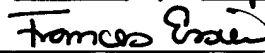
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	Positive Atmosphere Packaging Press and Sealer	Group Art Unit: 3721

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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(Signature)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, in which the Examiner identified two inventions, Applicant elects the invention identified as Group I (claims 1-9 and 18-20), without traverse.

Please cancel claims 10-17 without prejudice.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.